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LEADER OF DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, U.S. Attorney, announced today that Agustin Lozano, 35, Sinaola, Mexico, was sentenced by the Honorable William T. Lawrence, U.S. District Court Judge, to 121 months (10 years) in prison for his role in a drug trafficking organization that operated from Mexico, to Chicago, to Indianapolis.

In July 2010, an undercover officer with IMPD purchased three grams of cocaine for \$150 on Indianapolis' west-side. Eight months later, due to methodical and patient police work by federal and local law enforcement agencies, the original small undercover buy culminated on December 15, 2010, with the seizure and confiscation of 48 kilograms (109 pounds) of cocaine valued at \$1.5 million dollars and 4.4 pounds of methamphetamine valued at approximately \$80,000. The history of this organization revealed that they had been responsible for the regular distribution of up to five pounds of methamphetamine and 10 kilograms of cocaine a month to the Indianapolis area alone.

United States Attorney Hogsett said, "Today's sentence is an example of proactive and cooperative anti-drug police work at its finest. A drug bust of this significance occurs only once every couple of years. Let the message be heard loud and clear to all those who seek mayhem by trafficking in illegal narcotics, you will be identified, you will be investigated and you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. "

Lozano was responsible for acquiring large quantities of cocaine and methamphetamine from his sources of supply which were then distributed to mid-level distributors in Indianapolis. A 2000 Dodge Dakota pick-up truck and 2008 Dodge Charger were purchased with the proceeds of the drug distribution activities.

Also seized in the operation was 184 pounds of marijuana, 18 guns, and \$69,535.00 in United States currency. These charges resulted from an eight month investigation led by the

Indianapolis Metro Drug Task Force, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

According to First Assistant U. S. Attorney Josh J. Minkler, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Lozano also plead guilty to money laundering and is subject to deportation after his release from prison.

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